

**HB 2289-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that, beginning on the effective date of this act, a moratorium shall be placed on additional hospital participation in critical access hospital payments under this act. However, rural hospitals that applied for certification to the centers for medicare and medicaid services prior to January 1, 2005, but have not yet completed the process or have not yet been approved for certification, remain eligible for medical assistance payments under this act.